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FOR KRYZA AF/EX FROM AMBASSADOR MCGUIRE

1. AS STATED IN REFTEL I DO INDEED FEEL STRONGLY THAT AID MISSION IN BAMAKO SHOULD BE LOCATED IN THE CHANCERY.

2. AT THE PRESENT TIME THE AID STAFF IN BAMAKO FUNCTIONS AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE EMBASSY AND WORKS VERY CLOSE AND DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH ME. IN LARGE PART, OF COURSE, THE SUCCESSFUL MAINTENANCE OF A FULLY INTEGRATED AND COORDINATED U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORT IN MALI IS DUE TO THE HIGH CALIBER AND COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE OF THE AID PERSONNEL WHO HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED HERE. WITH THE BEST INTENTIONS IN THE WORLD, HOWEVER, THE CONTINUATION OF SUCH AN OPERATION CANNOT BE MAINTAINED UNLESS CONSTANT AND DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE AID STAFF CAN BE CONTINUED. GIVEN THE PRECARIOUS STATE OF COMMUNICATIONS IN BAMAKO SUCH CONTACT CANNOT BE MAINTAINED WITHOUT THE CLOSE PHYSICAL PROXIMITY THAT LOCATION IN THE SAME BUILDING PROVIDES. I THINK THAT YOU AND I HAVE HAD MUTUAL EXPERIENCE IN ANOTHER POST WHICH DEMONSTRATES THE UNDESIRABILITY OF SEPARATION OF THE AID MISSION FROM THE EMBASSY.

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3. AID ACTIVITIES, AND CONSEQUENTLY AID STAFF, IN BAMAKO

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ARE GROWING RAPIDLY. EVEN THOUGH A PART OF THE AID PROGRAM HERE IS RELATED TO THE EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS OF THE DROUGHT IN THE SAHEL, THE MAJOR PART OF THE AID PROGRAM IS OF A LONGER TERM NATURE AND I SEE NO PROSPECTS OF ANY REDUCTION IN THE AID STAFF FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO COME. IN THIS LIGHT, CONSTRUCTION WILL CERTAINLY TURN OUT TO BE MORE ECONOMICAL IN THE LONG RUN. CONSEQUENTLY, ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE TO INDUCE WASHINGTON TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL OUTLINED IN REFTEL FOR AN EXPANSION OF THE CHANCERY WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED. BEST REGARDS. MCGUIRE

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